Village Panchayet Elections.

Q.—609. Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA (Turuvekere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the election of the present members of the village panchayets was held;

(*b*) when the Government have arranged to hold these elections;

(*c*) whether Government have framed suitable election rules for the conduct of these elections; if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table for reference;

(*d*) the Act according to which the proposed election would be held?

A—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) On different occasions prior to 1951 as and when the elections fell due.

(*b*) During the current year, between January and March 1955.

(*c*) Yes. A copy of the Mysore Village Panchayet Election Rules, 1954, is placed on the table of the House.

(*d*) The Mysore Village Panchayets and District Boards Act, 1952 (Mysore Act IV of 1952).

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—1942ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾರ್ವತ್ರಿಕ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯಾದನಂತರ ಹೊಸ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಡೆದಿಲ್ಲ, ಅಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಇಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಈಗ್ಗೆ ಎಂಟು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದೀಚೆಗೆ ಎರಡು ಮೂರು ಸಾರಿ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತೀವೆ ಎಂದು ಭರವಸೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಬರುವ ಜನವರಿ-ಮಾರ್ಚಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುತ್ತೀವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಏನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ತಂದು ತಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ಪಡೆದು ಅನಂತರ ನೂಕ್ತಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀವೆ.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA.—What has become of Chandrasekhariah Report?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—That is a separate issue altogether.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It has been answered that the election will be held between January and March 1955.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA.—Under the provisions of what Act?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Under the Act already in force.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA.—Not under the Act that is coming into force?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—No, it cannot be.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA.—With reference to the answer to (*c*) that a copy of the Mysore Village Panchayet Election Rules is placed on the table of the House, I see that nothing has been placed on the table.

(A copy of the rules was then passed on to the Hon'ble Member).

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಹಿಂದಿನ ಆಕ್ಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಚುನಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುತ್ತೀರಾ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It has been answered already.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ತಮಗೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಎಚ್. ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರಯ್ಯನವರ ನಮಿತಿಯ ವರದಿಯಮೇಲೆ ಭರವಸೆ ಇಲ್ಲವೇ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is not a proper supplementary.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಭೀಮಪ್ಪನಾಯಕ್.—ನ್ಯಳೀಯ ನಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ನದಸ್ಯರೂ, ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೂ, ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳೂ ಹನ್ನೆರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅವರೆಲ್ಲಾ ಈ ನಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ right of adverse possession ಗೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—No, no. It need not to be answered. (*Laughter.*)

Chassis purchased for Government purposes.

Q.—114. Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR (T.-Narsipur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether tenders were called for recently for the purchase of "Brand New" Chassis for Government purposes;

(*b*) whether a few days later a correction to the Notification was issued to the effect that the word "Brand New" be deleted;

(*c*) if so, what the reasons were for the action of Government?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) Yes, not for chassis, but for trucks (Chassis mounted with a cabin and a load carrier).

(SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.)

(*b*) Yes, the words "Brand New Military" of the schedule were deleted.

(*c*) As per Government Order No. P. W. 12125-127—B. 16-53-8, dated 17th February 1954, directing the purchase of 12 trucks of 5-7 tons capacity through the Stores Purchase Committee, an enquiry bearing No. 12219 was circulated by the Stores Purchase Committee in the first instance, inviting tenders for the supply of "Brand New Military Trucks." As this narrowed the scope of enquiry and with a view to secure competitive offers from as large a field as possible, the words "Brand New Military" were subsequently deleted and an amendment issued.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Will the Government be pleased to state the date of the Enquiry bearing No. 12219 ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—18-2-54.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—The date of the amendment issued ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—20-2-54.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—May I know what made the Stores Purchase Committee feel that they were not competent to wait but must issue an amendment within so short a period of four days ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—After the enquiry was issued, the President of the Stores Purchase Committee thought that if the enquiry was limited to only military trucks, it would be restricted in scope and therefore, after consulting the P.W.D. Secretary, issued an amendment with a view to make the scope of the enquiry enlarged rather than restrictive.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Did the Committee issue the amendment on its own initiative or at the instance of the Government ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—No, not at the instance of the Government. The President of the Stores Purchase Committee issued it in his discretion.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—In answer to the notification how many tenders were received ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Seven.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Whose tender was accepted ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The tender of one Sri Shivaram Ubhayakar.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Was his tender the lowest ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Actually there were two tenders according to specifications. One was not to our requirements for the reason that the wheel-base was 144 whereas our requirement was anywhere between 156 and 168 and secondly he himself has said that the engines were reconditioned. Taking all these facts into consideration, Government came to the conclusion on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer that the quotation of Sri Shivaram was the best and therefore it was accepted.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—What is the purchase money paid ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Rs. 13,825.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—What is the price of a new vehicle ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Any where between Rs. 22,000 and Rs. 25,000.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—What is the condition of the vehicle bought ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Good, unused, permissible.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Has the firm given any guarantee to the Government about its soundness ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes. Seven conditions were imposed and the firm agreed to abide by all those conditions.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Are Government aware that none of the spare parts is available for the vehicles bought ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—He has been supplying spare parts as required now.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—How have these vehicles behaved on the roads, Sir ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Much better than others.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Is it a fact that a complaint was made to the President of the Congress about this deal ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Was there an enquiry on this issue ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not think this is a proper supplementary.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Why was this phrase 'Brand new' removed, Sir?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It was removed for the simple reason that those words were superfluous and also for the reason that the Stores Purchase Committee thought they had not used these words in any of their enquiries. For the information of my Hon'ble friend I am placing the *Gazette* dated 25th February 1954 where there are several enquiries and we do not find these words 'Brand new' in any of these enquiries.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.- Why did you use it in the first instance and after that what action was taken?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—We used it and afterwards we found it would be of no purpose and therefore we removed it.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Is it not possible to infer that because you wanted to buy old vehicles, you removed it?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Certainly not. Old vehicles were not purchased.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Are not the vehicles that were purchased old ones reconditioned?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—No, not at all. They are not reconditioned ones.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Are they new vehicles? Are they got from manufacturers in the sense that the respective sales agents supplied them direct from the factory?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—They were not used even for a day. They were purchased out of the lot of vehicles sold by the Government of India. They were first purchased by a person who is registered and is on the approved list of the Government. They were not at all used ones.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Were they fools to sell the vehicles at 13,000 if they were worth 25,000?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Minister need not answer that question.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Were they not vehicles which were auctioned from the military stores?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes, I understand they were purchased by him at the military disposals.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Did not the Government of India in the first instance offer the same vehicles to the Government of Mysore and other State Governments at a certain low price?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—No, Sir. The Government of Mysore did not receive any such offer from the Military Disposals.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Was there any general advertisement to that effect before they were disposed of in public auction and was it not stated also that if any State Governments wanted, they might apply? Was there not a general circular to that effect?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Certainly not. There is also another point involved in it. If we wanted to purchase from the Military Disposals, there is a condition that the vehicles would be sold as they are. We have no power of inspection. That is the rule in military disposals. The heap may contain anything, and we must purchase. We have no power of inspection and nothing of the sort.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Does not that condition ensure and apply to every other purchaser? The condition is the same for anybody else.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes, but in this particular case, the military authorities never informed us that these vehicles are ready for sale.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—When were these trucks manufactured, Sir?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I do not know the year of manufacture.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—How many trucks were purchased from this concern?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Under this enquiry, twelve.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Have the Government purchased any more trucks from that concern?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That does not arise out of this.